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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN NEW YORK, CANBERRA,
JAKARTA, BELGRADE, LUSAKA, GOV PANCANAL FROM PANAMA MAR 20
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SUBJ: SC MEETING IN PANAMA

FROM US DELEGATION

SUMMARY: TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, ZAMBIA, CHINA, INDONESIA,
YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRALIA, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
DECOLONIZATION DELIVERED FORMAL SPEECHES AT UNSC MORNING
OF MARCH 19. NO NEW THEMES ADDED TO CONTINUED
SUPPORT FOR PANAMA ON CANAL ISSUE, SOVEREIGNTY
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OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, AND COLONIALISM, GUATEMALA
EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY TO TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
STATEMENT ON BELIZE. END SUMMARY.

1. SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BOYD OPENED SESSION WITH
TRIBUTE TO DECEASED PSCA SECRETARIAT OFFICER
M. CHACKO. HE INVITED OBSERVERS TO TAKE SEATS AND
OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR CANADA AND COMINICAN REPUBLIC
TO JOIN THOSE PARTICIPATING WITHOUT VOTE AND
OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO BE INVITED TO ADDRESS
THE COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
DE- COLONIZATION AND CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID ALSO RECEIVED APPROVAL TO
ADDRESS COUNCIL.

2. AMBASSADOR SEIGNORET OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO WAS
LEAD- OFF SPEAKER. HE SPOKE OF COLONIALISM WITH
PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO " DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS
MATTER OF PANAMA CANAL" AND ARGUED THE RELATIONSHIP
SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP- TO- DATE. HE REITERATED TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO' S STAND RECOGNIZING CUBA AND OPPOSING
SANCTIONS. NOTING THAT BOTH GUATEMALA AND UK
HAD INTEREST IN BELIZE, SEIGNORET SPOKE OUT FOR PEOPLE
OF BRITISH HONDURAS ARGUING THAT THEY HAD MOST
AT STAKE AND NEED TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICE, SINCE
THEY HAD PREREQUISITES TO BE INDEPENDENT STATE.
HE URGED OTHER NATIONS OUTSIDE OF HEMISPHERE
TO ABANDON FOREIGN RULE AND DOMINATION THROUGHOUT
WORLD.

3. AMBASSADOR LUSAKS OF ZAMBIA PAID OFF- HAND ATTENTION
TO PANAMA NOTING ITS " NOBLE ASPIRATIONS WHICH ARE
DESIGNED TO REACH REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING THE
CANAL ZONE". HE ARGUED THAT ZAMBIA, CHILE AND PERU,
COOPERATING ON COPPER, HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE
TARGETS OF OUTSIDE ECONOMIC AND OTHER FORMS
OF COERCION. HALF OF LUSAKA' S SPEECH CONCERNED HIS
ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF UN COUNCIL FOR
NAMIBIA. HE THANKED LATIN AMERICA FOR ITS SUPPORT
FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR THIS REGION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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4. AMBASSADOR HUANG- HUA (PRC) SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF

REGIONAL MEETING TO AID LATIN AMERICAN
PEOPLES " IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO DEFEND THEIR NATIONAL
INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND
OPPOSE SUPER- POWER AGGRESSION, INTERFERENCE, SUBVERSION,
PLUNDER AND CONTROL. HE REVIEWED HISTORY OF
COLONIALISM IN LATIN AMERICA AND REVOLUTIONARY
MOVEMENTS WHICH FOLLOWED IT. CHINESE REP
ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF IMPERIALISM UNDER
THE SIGNBOARD OF " PANAMERICANISM" AND OF SUBJECTING
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO AGGRESSION AND ENSLAVEMENT,
PLUNGING LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES INTO CONTINUED
DIRE MISERY. " FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND FOREIGN
TROOPS STILL REMAIN ON TERRITORIES OF SOME LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES", HE SAID. HE PICKED UP CUBAN
FONMIN ROA' S THEME, WITHOUT REFERRING TO IT, THAT
LA COUNTRIES ARE UNITING ON EVER BROADER SCALE IN THEIR
COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND
NEO- COLONIALISM. HE EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING:

A. PANAMA CANAL ZONE IS INALIENABLE PART OF
SACRED TERRITORY OF PANAMA. US IMPOSED AN
UNEQUAL TREATY, OCCUPIED CANAL ZONE, STATIONED
LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS THERE, ENFORCED COLONIAL
RULE THERE. THIS CONSTIT
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